CASTLE CHURCH (ST MARY or ST LAWRENCE)

Castle Church *(St Mary)* was a parochial curacy. John Sherratt c1640-1675 was probably appointed parochial curate here in 1664. The parish contained three townships - Burton, Forebridge and Rickerscote - which lay in two constablewicks - Burton-cum-Rickerscote and Forebridge

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Description:Castle Church is dedicated to St. Mary and dates from the Norman period; it was connected to the Collegiate Church of St. Mary in Stafford until 1547. The tower was rebuilt in the fifteenth century; to celebrate a marriage between the Staffords and the Nevilles, the families' arms were incorporated into the west side of the tower in 1424. By 1841 the church was in such a poor state of repair that most of the building, apart from the tower, was rebuilt by Sir Gilbert Scott. Built into the west wall of the north aisle a carved stone, dated between 1180 and 1200. The stone was found in 1896 and is believed to be part of an altar. [INTERNET]

Parish History

In the period 1742 to 1898 the church is said to have been dedicated to St Lawrence.

The parish of **CASTLE CHURCH** may have been created in the Saxon period from part of **BRADLEY**.

From 1844 **FOREBRIDGE** was a a chapelry district of **CASTLE CHURCH**. In 1861 the parish of **FOREBRIDGE** was formed from a part of **CASTLE CHURCH**.

From 1887 **RICKERSCOTE** was a mission church to **FOREBRIDGE**. In 1962 the parish of **RICKERSCOTE** was formed from parts of **CASTLE CHURCH** and **FOREBRIDGE.**

Description of Church

The church, at Deanshill near the Castle, was built in the Norman period. It was rebuilt 1844 to designs by *ARCHITECT* and reconsecrated in XXXX.

Description of Living

Patrons

Stafford College
Crown
Lord Chancellor 1851

Principal Clergy

Richard Palmer (Vicar of Seighford, Staffs) e1508-.... **1533-1553**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
(parochial curate, Coppenhall, Staffs) 1533
(subscribed) 1559
(parochial curate, Castle Church, Staffs)
- (in office) 18 Jun 1558 & 23 Jun 1561
(Vicar, Seighford, Staffs) 15 Jan 1561.2
- (presented by the Crown)
- (in office) 8 Oct 1579

►**John Cox e1540-1621** **a1568-1621**
i 12 Aug 1621 Bradley
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 20 Mar 1572
(parochial curate, Castle Church, Staffs) a1568-d
- (paid a subsidy of 6/8) 1568
- ("no degree, no preacher, £8 stipend") 1602 [DAJ VI]
- ("Scholaris ruralis, indoctus") [1604 returns]

(10 Aug 1621, Castle Church) Johannes Cocke. Curatus huius Ecclesia de Castella vel Castro sep. in ecclesia de Bradely. Johannes Lyneall, Curatus succedens. [Printed PR]

(12 Aug 1621, Bradley) John Coxe ... buried in the church

John Lineall (compliant minister of Castle Church) c1585-?1659 Add23

Lineall, born about 1585, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. On 23 Dec 1610 he was ordained deacon by Chester at Chester cathedral. In 1610 he was in office as parochial curate at Weston-upon-Trent. In 1613 he was appointed as parochial curate of Stafford St Chad. He appears to have been appointed by the parishioners as a contemporary note recorded "Item, charges at Lichfield when we were cited thither about placing Mr. Lyneall the curate at S. Chaddes 2/10". By Aug 1621 he had succeded John Cox e1540-1621 as parochial curate of Castle Church. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister. At Castle Church his salary was £8 pa which on 23 Jun 1658 was in arrears as stated in his petition of that date to Oliver Cromwell *qua* Protector "Petition of John Lineall, minister at Castlechurch, near Stafford, to the Protector. I have been curate 37 years, and been painful to draw souls to God, only receiving £8 a year out of the Exchequer, though the tithes and glebe lands are worth £100, and I have to hire a house in Stafford, and my salary is now 1¼ years, being £10, in arrears. I am 70 years old, my wife 60, and we have had many children to maintain ..." A few months later in Feb 1658.9 he sent a second petition to Richard Cromwell when his salary was said to be 2¼ years (£18) in arrears. Still in office Lineall probably died, aged about 74, in 1659 or shortly after. Lineall married about 1612 to Frances (b c1592) by whom he had ?3 sons and 3 daughters. In 1658 John Felton (probably John Felton of Stafford stationer c1630-1685) printed and sold a book written by Lineall entitled *Iter Mediteranium ...* (below). This was a short book of "drolling verse" concerning the summer law circuit of John Glynne (Lord Justice) 1603-1666 and Roger Hill (Baron of the Exchequer) 1605-1667. Of the book it was later said that "the lord Glynne was so far from having any knowledge of it, or consenting to its writing, that there was great enquiry after the author to have him punished for his abuses of, and smart reflections on, him." Lineall also composed an (?unpublished) acrostic poem addressed to "To his Highnesse Richard by God's providence the second Lord Protector of our Common Wealth, etc." It is said that "Each letter in the title of the poem becomes in its turn the commencement of one of the 147 verses which compose it. " The following lines end the poem:

> Your Highnesse suppliant humbly in the Lord, | John Lineal, Preacher of God's sacred word | At Castle Church, a place in Staffordshire, | Where he receiveth eight pounds by the year, | Which he hath truly in Exchequer pay, | For which he thanks your Highnesse night and day. | He aged is full threescore yeares and ten, | A long time now to live with mortall Men, | His wife also is threescore years and one, | That Stipend poor they still do live upon. | Now if your Highnesse would be so much pleas'd, | That his eight pounds to forty pound be rais'd, | He thinks that he should live with more content, | Then hundred pounds thrice some receive in rent, | Though's stipend be but eight pounds by the year, | Which he receives for feeding souls so dear, | Yet his poor Tallent he will never hide, | In verse he writes, yet God is still his guide."

Publications:

- *Iter Mediteranium. A true accompt given of the proceedings of the right honourable lord Glin, the lord justice of England, and the honourable barron Hill, one of the barrons for the exchequer, in their summer circuit in the counties of Berks, Oxford, Gloucester, Monmouth, Hereford, Worcester, Salope and Stafford* Printed for the Author John Lineall, and are to be sold by John Felton, in Stafford (1658)

John Lineall (compliant minister of Castle Church) c1585-p1659

m c1612 Frances -----; b c1592; (aged 60) [? = in her sixies] 1658
d p1659; Will XXX (Lichfield/PCC)
(? a literate) [X FOSTER/VENN]
(as literate, ordained deacon by Chester at Chester cathedral) 23 Dec 1610
(parochial curate, Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs)
- (in office) 1610 [NOT in CCEd]
(parochial curate, Stafford St Chad)
- (appointed) 1613 [NOT in CCEd]
(parochial curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 1621-
- (appointed) 10 Aug 1621
From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister
(compliant minister, Castle Church, Staffs)
- (aged 70 [? = in his seventies] , petitioned for his stipend) 1658 [see below]

chn: Edward Lineall c 23 Sep 1613 Stafford St Mary
[?] John Lineall b c1615; m *as chiru [? surgeon]* 10 Sep 1641 Stafford St Chad: Catherine Aspley
Ann Lineall c 6 Jan 1618.9 Stafford St Mary
Martha Lineall c 23 Nov 1620 Stafford St Mary
Mary Lineall c 5 Jan 1622.3 Stafford St Mary; [? i 24 May 1683 Stafford St Chad]

Benjamin Lineall c 1 Nov 1627 Stafford St Mary; i 5 Nov 1627 Stafford St Mary

(1613) These same church-wardens or other townspeople appear to have attempted to usurp also the right of appointing the curate; for I have a jotting dated 1613 which runs : "Item, charges at Lichfield when we were cited thither about placing Mr. Lyneall the curate at S. Chaddes 2/10". [J.L. Cherry *Stafford in olden times* (1890) p182]
(10 Aug 1621, Castle Church) Johannes Cocke. Curatus huius Ecclesia de Castella vel Castro sep. in ecclesia de Bradely. Johannes Lyneall, Curatus succedens. [Printed PR]
How the Curates were at first maintained does not appear, unless in the way provided by 1 E VI c14 s8 but on the 21st January, 1656-7, Oliver Cromwell granted by letters of Privy Seal [Dep. Keeper, 5th Report, App. II, p. 260], to "John Lyneall, Curate of Castlechurch, in Staffordshire, xx.li, in full satisfaction of the arrears of viij.li. per annum due to him as Curate there for two years and a half, ended 29th September last."
1658. June 23: 114-116. Petition of John Lineall, minister at Castlechurch, near Stafford, to the Protector. I have been curate 37 years, and been painful to draw souls to God, only receiving £8 a year out of the Exchequer, though the tithes and glebe lands are worth £100, and I have to hire a house in Stafford, and my salary is now 1¼ years, being £10, in arrears. I am 70 years old, my wife 60, and we have had many children to maintain ; I beg payment, or I cannot subsist. With reference to the Treasury Commissioners, 26 Feb. 1657-58, to order or certify ; their report 26 May that £8 was paid the minister from 2 Edward VI [1548/9] to 1650[sic], when the revenue was sold ; and that on 21 Jan. 1656-57 his Highness ordered the petitioner £20 for 2½ years, ~~which was paid~~ Michaelmas [29 Sep] 1656[sic] ; certificate thereon by Auditor Rich. Sadler, 7 May 1658 ; and further reference 23 June to Council. [2 papers and parchment.] [Calendar of State Papers Domestic 1658-9 p72-3]
1658.9 Feb: 51. Petition of John Lincall[sic], preacher at Castlechurch, near Stafford, to the Protector, for payment of £18, 2¼ years' arrears of his salary of £8 a year. [1 page. See 23 June 1658]
[Calendar of State Papers Domestic 1658-9 p292]
LINEALL JOHN. Iter Mediteranium. A True Accompt Given of the Proceedings of the Right Honourable Lord Glin, The Lord Justice of England, and the honourable Barron Hill, one of the Barrons for the Exchequer, in their Summer circuit in the Counties of Berks, Oxford, Gloucester, Monmouth, Hereford, Worcester, Salope and Stafford [Quot from 2 Corinth] Printed for the Author John Lineall, and are to be sold by John Felton, in Stafford 1658 4°, 10 leaves. In verse. [W. Carew Hazlitt *Collections and notes 1867-1876* (1876) p258]
John Glynne (Lord Justice) 1603-1666 and Roger Hill (Baron of the Exchequer) 1605-1667: [Hill] In the summer of 1658 he went the Oxford Circuit with Chief Justice Glynne, an account of which "writ in drolling verse" was published soon after (Athen. Oxon iii 754) [Foss Biographia Juridica (1870) p347]
(1702) XXX [Calamy (1702) p]
(1713) XXX [Calamy (1713) p]
(1727) XXX [Calamy (1727) p]
(1778) XXX [Calamy (1778) p]
(1803) XXX [Calamy III (1803) p]
(1900) XXX [Shaw I/II (1900) p]
(1911) XXX [Turner (1911) p]
(1915) 4 Lyneall. Curate of Weston-on-Trent 1610 [1610-13 p239]; of St Chad's, Stafford, 1613. On 4 Jan 1656-7 he obtained an order from the Protector for the payment of his stipend of £8 to 29 Sep 1656, which had not been paid since March 1654 (SPDI 123 f16 n406; cf Keeper, 5, capII p260). In 1658 he complained bitterly of the meagreness of his salary in a poem addressed to Richard, lord Protector, which is printed in S.H. C. VIII pt II p90, 91. Possibly this poem was never sent, but on 23 Jun 1658 he certainly addressed a petition to him in which he states that he has been curate for 37 years and has been painful to draw souls to God, only receiving £8 pa from the Exchequer, though the tithe & glebe lands are worth £100 pa. He says that his age is 70, his wife is 60, that they have had many children and have to hire a house in Stafford and that his salary is 1¼ years or £10 in arrears (SPDI 181, f114, n116). In Feb 1658.9 he again petitioned for his salary, which he stated was then 2¼ years in arrears (ibid. 201, f5i). [SHC 1915 p238]
(1917) XXX [Gordon (1917) p]
(1924) XXX [Matthews (1924) p]
(1934) XXX [Calamy Revised (1934) p]
In the intermediate time during the Commonwealth the meagreness of his resources was made the subject of complaint and petition by the then (1658) Minister John Lineal, the author of an acrostic poem addressed "To his Highnesse Richard by God's providence the second Lord Protector of our Common Wealth, etc." ... Each letter in the title of the poem becomes in its turn the commencement of one of the 147 verses which compose it. The following lines then conclude the composition:— Your Highnesse suppliant humbly in the Lord, | John Lineal, Preacher of God's sacred word | At Castle Church, a place in Staffordshire, | Where he receiveth eight pounds by the year, | Which he hath truly in Exchequer pay, | For which he thanks your Highnesse night and day. | He aged is full threescore yeares and ten, | A long time now to live with mortall Men, | His wife also is threescore years and one, | That Stipend poor they still do live upon. | Now if your Highnesse would be so much pleas'd, | That his eight pounds to forty pound be rais'd, | He thinks that he should live with more content, | Then hundred pounds thrice some receive in rent, | Though's stipend be but eight pounds by the year, | Which he receives for feeding souls so dear, | Yet his poor Tallent he will never hide, | In verse he writes, yet God is still his guide." | (c1658) [SHC 1887 ii 90] |

John Felton c1600-1687
i *"Aldermannus"* 25 Oct 1687 Stafford St Mary

John Felton of Stafford stationer c1630-1685
[? m 26 Apr 1670: Tamworth: Martha Backhouse]
i 23 May 1685 Stafford St Mary; Will (Lichfield) 3 Sep 1685
(18 May 1685) John Felton Jun Esq of Stafford stationer ... unto my sonne Thomas ... the Swan ... dau Ann F. (under 21) .... wife Martha ... Inventory (2 Sep 1685) £82/7/4 includes "Imprimus in the Shopp of Bookes & papr and other lumber £36/10/6"

Edward Southall (parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs) 1636-1674
Southall, christened on 2 Feb 1635.6 at Albrighton, was second son of John Southall of "Beamish Hall", Albrighton, Salop "gentleman" 1604-... and Dorothy (Deane ALIAS Wood). He was (probably) only educated to literate grade. He was in office as a schoolmaster at Church Eaton Grammar School when he subscribed to the *Act of uniformity* on 12 Aug 1662. In Dec 1662 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield and was then in office (jointly) as parochial curate of Castle Church and Coppenhall. In Dec 1663 he was ordained priest and licensed as a preacher (both) by Lichfield. On 21 Dec 1663 he was appointed stipendiary curate of Longford, Salop and was still in office on 21 Jul 1665. Perhaps in Autumn 1665 after probable presentation by Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) Esquire 1620-1684 he was appointed parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent. In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Weston-upon-Trent constablewick and was not assessed there. About 25 Mar 1666 he signed the parish register as "Vicar". He resigned at Weston-upon-Trent before 8 Jun 1670 when after presentation by Thomas Talbot of Longford, Salop gentleman c1649-.... he was instituted as rector of Longford, Salop. Still in office he died, aged 38, and was buried here on 22 May 1674. His administration was granted at Lichfield on 17 Sep 1674. His personalty was valued at £19/19/2 and included " his books 16/6". Southall married about 1671 to Elizabeth by whom he had one son. John Southall (parochial curate of Patshull, Staffs) 1634-1677 was his older brother. Thomas Southall B.A. (presbyterian minister of Codsall, Staffs) 1608-.... and William Southall (Vicar of Pattingham, Staffs) 1611-1677 were his uncles. Edward Southall was succeded at Longford by his uncle William.

►Edward Southall (parochial curate of Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs) 1636-1674 1666-?1670
c 2 Feb 1635.6 Albrighton *2nd son of John Southall of "Beamish Hall", Albrighton, Salop "gentleman" 1604-... and Dorothy (Deane ALIAS Wood)*
m e1671 [X FMP] Elizabeth -----
i 22 May 1674 Longford; Adm (Lichfield) 17 Sep 1674 to widow Elizabeth; Inventory (7 ??? 1674) Total £19/19/2 included "his books 16/6"

(Schoolmaster, Church Eaton Grammar School, Staffs)
- (then in office, subscribed to the Act of Uniformity) 12 Aug 1662

(parochial curate, Castle Church, Staffs)
(parochial curate, Coppenhall, Staffs)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 OR 21 Dec 1662 [CCEd, "Southall is curate of Castle & Copenhall (Staffordshire)]
(licensed preacher by Lichfield) Dec 1663
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 19 OR 20 Dec 1663
(Stipendiary Curate, Longford, Salop)
- (licensed) 21 Dec 1663
- (in office) 21 Jul 1665
(parochial curate, Weston-upon-Trent, Staffs)
- (probably presented by Walter Fowler of St Thomas (by Stafford) Esquire 1620-1684)
In 1665 he did not certify the hearth tax for Weston-upon-Trent constablewick and was not assessed there.
- (as Vicar, signed parish register) c25 Mar 1666 [1915]
- (replaced in office) a1670 [1915]
(Rector, Longford, Salop) 8 Jun 1670-d

- (presented by Thomas Talbot of Longford, Salop gentleman c1649-...., son of John former Earl of Shrewsbury)
- (instituted) 8 Jun 1670

chn: Thomas Southall c 23 Apr 1673 Longford

(Longford) May the 22nd Mr Edward Southall Rector of this pish was buried 1673 ... William Southall clerk was inducted July the 7th anno p'dicto" [NOTE: The year 1673 is in a different hand and probably an error for 1674]
(Weston-upon-Trent) [Below an entry apparently dated Lady Day (25 Mar) 1666 ... "Edward Southall vic."]

?Vacant
(Castle Church was dilapidated) 26 Sep 1662 [?SOURCE LOST]
(Castle Church had fallen down) 1 Aug 1665 [?SOURCE LOST]

John Sherratt (? parochial curate of Castle Church & Coppenhall) c1640-1675
Sherratt was born (perhaps) about 1640 of unknown parentage. As a literate in Sep 1664 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield but may never have been ordained priest. By Sep 1664 he was Master of Church Eaton Grammar School in succession to Edward Southall ?1636-1673. Southall was also (plurally) parochial curate of Castle Church and Coppenhall and it seems probable that Sherratt succeded him in those offices at the same time. Sherratt was also licensed as a preacher at Penkridge in Sep 1664. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Coppenhall-cum-Butterhall constablewick but was not assessed there. Still in office at Church Eaton and probably at Castle Church & Coppenhall he died, aged about 35, and was buried on 10 Apr 1675 at Church Eaton.

►**John Sherratt (? parochial curate of Castle Church & Coppenhall) c1640-16751669-1670**
b e1640 *of unknown parentage*
[??? m 7 Feb 1669.70 Stafford St Mary: Susan Archer]
i *Schoolmaster of Church-Eaton* 10 Apr 1675 Church Eaton; Will NOT FOUND
(as literate, ordained deacon by Lichfield) 21 OR 25 Sep 1664
- ("Sherratt is schoolmaster of 'schola grammatice Etoniensis' in Warwickshire")
  [CCEd] [NOTE: This is probably a reference to Church Eaton Grammar School]
(Preacher, Penkridge, Staffs)
- (licenced) Sep 1664
(Master, Church Eaton Grammar School, Staffs)
- (in office) 1 Aug 1665
(not assessed at Church Eaton) 1665 [1666 HT]
(parochial curate, Coppenhall, Staffs)
- (as John Sheratt minister, certified Hearth Tax at Coppenhall) 1665 [1666 HT]
(parochial curate & Reader, Castle Church, Staffs)
- (in office) 1669-70 [? SOURCE LOST]

►**John Peploe (P.C.of Castle Church, Staffs) c1650-....** **1675-1729**
(admitted sizar at Trinity, Cambridge) 21 Feb 1666.7 [VENN]
(Master, Shifnal Parish School, Salop)
- (appointed) 28 Feb 1668
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 19 OR 21 Sep 1673
(Reader, Penkridge, Staffs) 28 Jan 1673.4
- (appointed) 28 Jan 1673.4
(Master, Penkridge Parish School, Staffs) 28 Jan 1673.4
- (appointed) 28 Jan 1673.4
(Perpetual Curate & Reader, Castle Church, Staffs) 23 Apr 1675-1729
- (appointed) 23 Apr 1675

- (in office) 1673-1729
- (?relicensed) 12 Aug 1698
(Perpetual Curate, Stafford St Chad) 22 Aug 1676-a19 Sep 1676
- (appointed) 22 Aug 1676
chn: Jane Peploe c 17 Jun 1675 Penkridge
Mary Peploe c 13 Feb 1677 Penkridge; m 10 Aug 1706 Penkridge: Thomas Ward
John Peploe [1] c 24 Oct 1678 Penkridge **[SCD]**
Amos Peploe [2] c 11 Nov 1680 Penkridge **[SCD]**
Abel Peploe [3] b 7 Nov 1682; c 21 Nov 1682 Penkridge; i 7 Dec 1683 Penkridge
Nathaniel Peploe [4] c 26 Jun 1684 Penkridge
Elizabeth Peploe c 1 Oct 1685 Penkridge
Abel Peploe [5] b 15 Aug 1686; c 31 Aug 1686 Penkridge
Deliverance Peploe c 5 Nov 1687 Penkridge
Phoebe Peploe b & c 16 Jun 1689 Penkridge
William Peploe [6] b 9 Mar 1692; c 12 Apr 1692 Penkridge **[SCD]**

Johannes Peploe, de Penkridge, Curat[us], Ecclesiae parochialis vulgo dictae Castle nuper mortuus, Guilhelmus Corne succedit & init officium Curati Ecclesiae praedictae de Castle, Die tredecimo mensis Apr 1729. [Castle Church PR]

►William Corne ?1698-1753 **1730-1753**
b *son of Joseph Corne of Stafford St Mary*
[? b 15 Mar 1697.8; c 22 Mar 1697.8 Betley *son of Joseph Corne and Ann (.....)]*
m 1 Dec 1730 Stafford St Mary: Elizabeth Bradbury
d (a23 Dec) 1753
(aged 19, matriculated from Magdalen Hall, Oxford) 7 May 1716
(B.A.) a1720
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 11 Jun 1720
(Stipendiary Curate, Seighford, Staffs) 8 Oct 1720
- (appointed) 8 Oct 1720
(Perpetual Curate, Ellenhall, Staffs) 8 Oct 1720-a1722
- (appointed) 8 Oct 1720
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 3 Jun 1721
(appointed schoolmaster at Stafford) 12 Aug 1721
(Assistant Rector, Stafford St Mary) 12 Aug 1721-d
- (appointed) 12 Aug 1721
(M.A.) a28 May 1730
(Perpetual Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 28 May 1730-d
- (appointed) 28 May 1730
(sinecure Rector, Creswell, Staffs) 9 Oct 1730-d
- (presented by William Green armiger & Margaret ?Perry widow)
- (instituted) 9 Oct 1730
(in deeds regarding Alstone in Gnosall) 1745 [SALT SD 97/1745; 811/36]
chn: William Corne c 3 Feb 1734.5 Stafford St Mary **[SCD]**

Whereas the Rev. William Corne, late Curate of St. Mary's, is Dead and his place has become vacant. It is this day ordered that the Rev. William Spilsbury, clerk, be appointed in his stead and that a proper instrument be drawn up for the purpose and that the then Mayor do affix the Town seal of the said Borough to the same. [Stafford Corporation Minute Book, 26 December, 1753]

►Joseph Dickenson 1712-1795 **1754-1795**
c 27 Oct 1712 Newport *son of Samuel Dickenson of Newport, Salop brazier and Ann (.....) [NOTE: Samuel Dickenson m 2 Nov 1699 Castle Church: Ann Fieldhouse]*
m Millicent .....
[? 7 Aug 1746 Horbury, Yorks: Millicent Scott]
d a26 Nov 1795; Will (PCC) 10 Dec 1795
(aged 19, admitted sizar at Sidney, Cambridge) 6 Feb 1730.1
(educated at Newport under Mr Lea)
(matriculated) 1731
(B.A.) 1734.5
(ordained deacon by Hereford) 12 Oct 1735
(ordained priest by Hereford) 25 Sep 1737

(M.A.) 1738
(Stipendiary Curate, Kinnersley, Salop) 5 Oct 1741
- (subscribed on appointment) 5 Oct 1741
(Rector, Stafford St Mary) 16 Dec 1746-d
- (presented by the Crown)
- (subscribed on appointment) 16 Dec 1746
(Perpetual Curate, Stafford St Chad) ?1746-?d
(Perpetual Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 29 May 1754-?d
- (presented by the Crown)
- (licensed) 29 May 1754
(Rector, Fenny Compton, Warwicks) 1757-
- (presented by Corpus Christi College, Oxford)
- (instituted) 1 Jul 1757
chn: Henry Dickenson c 26 Jul 1748 Stafford St Mary
Edward Dickenson c 25 Jan 1750.1 Stafford St Mary **[SCD]**

►Edward Dickenson 1751-a1820 **1795-a1820**
c 25 Jan 1750.1 Stafford St Mary *son of Joseph Dickenson 1712-1795* ***[SCD]*** *and Millicent (?Scott)*
Will *Clerk of Stafford* (PCC) 27 Sep 1820[sic]
(aged 18, matriculated from Worcester College, Oxford) 16 Mar 1769 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1772
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 21 Feb 1773
(Stipendiary Curate, Seighford, Staffs) 27 Dec 1773
- (licenced) 27 Dec 1773
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 24 Sep 1775
(M.A.) 1775
(B.D.)
(Perpetual Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 30 Nov 1795-d
- (presented by the Crown)
- (licenced) 30 Nov 1795
- (signed return regarding education of the poor) [PARL (1818)]
(Perpetual Curate, Stafford St Chad) 5 Dec 1795-d
- (nominated) 26 Nov 1795
- (presented by Richard Jackson c1712-1796 *qua* Prebendary, Lichfield Pipa Minor)
- (appointed) 5 Dec 1795
(Rector, Stafford St Mary) 8 Jan 1796-d
- (presented by the Crown)
- (instituted) 8 Jan 1796

►Robert Anlezark c1764-1845 **1820-1845**
b c1764 *son of James Anlezark of Duxbury, Lancs gentleman [? and Margaret (Ainsworth)]*
m1 Mary dau of John Warren (Bishop of Bangor) 1730-1800 [DNBonline]
[? m 20 Dec 1798 Stockport St Mary: Elizabeth Ryle]
m2 21 Aug 1826 Cannock: Beatrice Bolton ?Stubbs; [? m1 10 Oct 1816 Cannock: Samuel Bolton 1784-1818]; d 1855
d *aged 83[sic]* 24 Nov 1845 Stafford RD
(Minister, Stockport Congregationalist Chapel) 1793-1801
(aged 40[sic], matriculated from St Edmund Hall, Oxford) 22 Oct 1804 [FOSTER]
(admitted fellow-commoner at Christ's Cambridge) 19 Feb 1806 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1806
(B.A.) 1809
(ordained deacon by Bristol) 19 Nov 1808
(M.A.) 1812
(Perpetual Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 13 Oct 1820-d
- (presented by the Crown)
- (licensed) 13 Oct 1820
- (of Castle Church) 1835 [PIGOT]
(Perpetual Curate, Stafford St Chad) 6 May 1825-d
- (presented by Robert Nares c1753-1829 *qua* Prebendary, Lichfield Pipa Minor)
- (appointed) 6 May 1825

- ("the living is a perpetual curacy, in the gift of the prebendary of Pipa Minor in the cathedral church of Lichfield: the incumbent is the Rev. Robert Anlezark") 1835 [PIGOT]
("A man of great stature and bulk – said to have been able to eat a leg of mutton at a sitting.")
chn: James Anlezark b c1789; d *aged 20* 1809 "at his father's house", Cambridge; (admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 9 Jun 1807; (matriculated) Michs 1807
[2] Mary Anlezark c 30 Sep 1827 Castle Church; m 11 Nov 1852 Castle Church: Samuel Thomas Seddon
Jane Anlezark b 11 Oct 1831; c 14 Oct 1831 Castle Church; m C---- James Wilson; d 6 Jan 1908 at Burrows Avenue, Parnell, Auckland, NZ
[???] Beatrice Anlezark b c1833
[???] Robert Long Anlezark b c1830

(Castle Church, Lychgate) "Anno Domine MDCCCXLVI. This gate was erected by his widow and her three children in memory of Robert Anlezark MA Minister of this church wherein resteth his mortal body in hope of a Blessed Resurrection. Remember those who have spoken unto you the Word of the Lord. Hebrews Chap XII ver VII"

????? **1845-....**

►**Charles Haughton Aitkens 1811-1883** **1851**
c 11 Jun 1811 Hanley *1st son of Robert Ellis Aitkens c1775-1849* ***[SCD]*** *and Mary (.....)*
m Caroline .....; (aged 47, b Aston, Warwicks)
d 23 Jun 1883 Aylsham RD, Norfolk
(aged 18, matriculated from Trinity College, Oxford) 29 Oct 1828
(B.A., New Inn Hall, Oxford) 1839
(ordained deacon and priest) 1840
(M.A.) 1842
(Perpetual Curate, Stafford St Chad) 1851
- (aged 40, b Hanley, Staffs, "Perpetual Curate of Castle Church M.A. Oxford") 1851 C
(Rector, Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs) 1852-66
- (aged 50, b Hanley, Staffs "Rector of Mavesyn Ridware M.A. Oxford") 1861 C
(Vicar, Aylsham, Norfolk) 1867-d
chn: Alice Mary Aitkens (aged 7, b Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos) 1851 C; (aged 17) 1861 C
Robert Well Aitkens (aged 6, b Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos) 1851 C
Philip Bennett Aitkens (aged 5, b Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos) 1851 C
Louis Edward Aitkens (aged 4, b Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos) 1851 C
Francis William Aitkens (aged 5m, b Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos) 1851 C
Geoffrey Mare Aitkens b c1852; (aged 9, b Castle Church, Staffs) 1861 C
Mary Katharine Aitkens (aged 7, b Mavesyn Ridware) 1881 C
Mary Grace Aitkens (aged 5, b Mavesyn Ridware) 1881 C

►**Edward Allen 1821-1892** **1852-?1892**
b 13 Nov 1821 Little Hulton, Lancs *son of William Allen of Bolton, Lancs clerk*
m1 1851 Mary dau of George Keen of Rowley Hall, Stafford Esquire
m2 1878 Charlotte Mary Russell dau of George Norman c1799-1875 **[SCD];** (aged 56, b Stafford) 1901 C
d *aged 71* 17 Aug 1892
(educated by his father)
(educated at Runcorn)
(admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 24 Apr 1841
(matriculated) Michs 1841
(Prizeman) 1842
(Hulsean Exhibitioner) 1843
(B.A.) 1845
(ordained deacon) 1845
(Stipendiary Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 1845—6
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1846
(Stipendiary Curate, Handford, Staffs) 1846—7

(Perpetual Curate, Forebridge, Staffs) 1847—53
(M.A.) 1849
(Vicar, Castle Church, Staffs) 1852-?d
- (aged 69, of Castle Church, "Vicar of Castle Church") 1891 C
(F.R.A.S.) 1885
(author, religious and scientific works)
[SIMMS]
chn: Edward Allen (at Cambridge)
William Allen (at Cambridge) 1877

►**Melville Scott 1860-1929** **1894-1929**
b 12 Sep 1860 Ockbrook, Derbys *son of Melville Horne Scott ....-....* ***[SCD]***
m Laura Laughton
d 14 Apr 1929
(educated at Canterbury King's)
(admitted pensioner at Christ's College, Cambridge) 9 Apr 1880
(matriculated) Michs 1880
(Scholar) 1880
(B.A.) 1884
(ordained deacon by Gloucester & Bristol) 1885
(Lecturer, Gloucester Theological College) 1885-7
(ordained priest by Gloucester & Bristol) 1886
(Stipendiary Curate, Gloucester St Aldate) 1885-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Lichfield St Mary) 1887-94
(M.A.) 1888
(Vicar, Castle Church, Staffs) 1894-1929
(B.D.) 1910
(Prebendary, Lichfield Gaia Major) 1917
(Rural Dean, Stafford)
(author, religious & other works)
(D.D., Trinity College, Dublin) ?date
(D.D., Strasburg University) ?date

Stipendiary Curates

►**Amos Peploe 1680-....** **1701**
c 11 Nov 1680 Penkridge *son of John Peploe (Perpetual Curate of Castle Church, Staffs) c1650-....* **[SCD]**
(admitted pensioner at Emmanuel, Cambridge) 2 Jun 1697 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1698
(B.A.) 1700.1
(ordained deacon by Lichfield to title of Castle Church, Staffs) 21 Sep 1701
(Stipendiary Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 21 Sep 1701
(?parochial curate, Bloxwich, Staffs) 8 Oct 1701-a10 Jan 1710
- (assumed to be in office whilst Master)
(Master, Bloxwich Endowed School, Staffs) 8 Oct 1701-a10 Jan 1710
- (appointed) 8 Oct 1701
- (replaced in office) a10 Jan 1710
(aged 29, ordained priest by Lichfield to title of Bloxwich) 8 Jun 1707
(Stipendiary Curate, Frodsham, Cheshire) 10 Jul 1712

►**Thomas Page (Head Master of Audlem GS, Cheshire) ?1734-1761** **1757**
b Ilkeston, Derbys
[? c 12 Jun 1734 Ilkeston *son of Thomas Page and Mary (-----)* [IGI submitted]
d 1761
(admitted sizar at Jesus, Cambridge) 4 Jun 1752 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1752
(B.A.) 1756
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 25 Sep 1757

(Stipendiary Curate, Castle Church, Staffs)
- (appointed) 26 Sep 1757
(Usher, Stafford Free Grammar School)
- (appointed) 26 Sep 1757
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 24 Sep 1758
(Head Master, Audlem Grammar School, Cheshire) 31 Auf 1758-d
- (elected) 31 Aug 1758 [EDP/17/5]
- (licensed) 9 May 1759

►Joseph Dickenson Nicklin 1749-.... **1771**
c *no parents named* 29 Sep 1749 Newcastle, Staffs
m Mary .....
(admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 28 Apr 1767 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1767
(Scholar)
(B.A.) 1771
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 15 Dec 1771
(Stipendiary Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 16 Dec 1771
- (appointed) 16 Dec 1771
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 14 Nov 1773
(M.A.) 1774
(Stipendiary Curate, Seighford, Staffs) 1780-96 [VENN only]
(Vicar, Pattingham, Staffs) 18 Mar 1780-a3 Nov 1796
- (instituted) 18 Mar 1780
- (presented by Thomas Murhall gentleman)
(author, A Sermon preached at the Assizes at Stafford, London) 1793
(author, The Temporal and Spiritual Advantages of Righteousness considered; a Sermon, London) 1795
(Rector, Ryton, Salop) 1796-8
- (instituted) 3 Nov 1796
- (presented by George Molineux Esquire)
chn: William Murhall Nicklin b 5 Nov 1782; c 13 Nov 1782 Pattingham; i 12 May 1789 Pattingham
Mary Elizabeth Murhall Nicklin b 21 Feb 1784; c 28 Feb 1784 Pattingham

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►Henry Ward 1756-1837 **1780**
b 16 Nov 1756; c 14 Dec 1756 Castle Church *son of Abraham Ward of Castle Church, Staffs gentleman*
d 29 Jul 1837
(aged 18, matriculated from Worcester College, Oxford) 1 Dec 1774 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1778
(ordained deacon by Oxford) 30 May 1779
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 21 Dec 1780
(Stipendiary Curate, Castle Church, Staffs)
- (appointed) 21 Dec 1780
(M.A.) 1781
(Perpetual Curate, Havering-atte-Bower, Essex) 1787
(Rector, Thurrock, Essex) 1786-d

►Edward Scott Dickenson 1780-1851 **1803**
c 6 Sep 1780 Newport *son of Thomas Dickeson of Newport Salop armiger and Elizabeth (.....)*
m 2 May 1804 Great Bolas, Salop: Rachael Anne Tayleur
d cFeb 1851 Market Dryaton RD
(aged 18, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 24 Oct 1798 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1803

(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 11 Sep 1803
(Stipendiary Curate, Castle Church, Staffs)
- (appointed) 11 Sep 1803
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 8 Sep 1805
(Stipendiary Curate, Bolas, Salop)
- (licensed) 14 Mar 1811
(Stipendiary Curate, Stoke-upon-Tern, Salop)

Edward Allen 1821-1892 **1845-1846**
(Stipendiary Curate, Castle Church, Staffs) 1845—6
[see above]

FOREBRIDGE

The parish of **FOREBRIDGE** was created 1844 from a part (-----) of CASTLE CHURCH.

Parish History

Description of Church

The church, in ..... was built 1844 (largely at the expense of XXXXX) to designs by *ARCHITECT* and consecrated DATE

Description of Living

Patrons

Incumbents of Castle Church, Staffs

??? **1844-1847**

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(F.R.A.S.) 1885
(author, religious and scientific works)
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chn: Edward Allen (at Cambridge)
William Allen (at Cambridge) 1877

►**Neville George Murray Lawrence c1826-....** **1853-1872**
b c1826 *1st son of John Lawrence of Hampstead, Middx gentleman*
(aged 18, matriculated from Queen's College, Oxford) 15 May 1844
(B.A.) 1849
(M.A.) 1851
(ordained deacon by Chester) 1851
(ordained priest by Chester) 1852
(Perpetual Curate, Forebridge, Staffs) 1853-72
(Chaplain at Freiburg in Baden) 1880-....

1872-1876

►**Joshua William Theophilus Owen 1849-.....** **1876-....**
b cFeb 1849 Kings Norton RD *3rd son of David Owen of Smethwick, Staffs gentleman*
(aged 19, matriculated non-collegiate, Oxford) 4 Feb 1869
(B.A.) 1873
(S.C.L.) 1873
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1873
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1874
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St John, Staffs) 1873-5
(Stipendiary Curate, Bushbury, Staffs) 1875-6
(Vicar, Forebridge, Staffs) 1876-p1906
(M.A.) 1880

►**Joseph Reaney c1891-....** **1919-1930**
(at Birmingham Theological College) 1897
(B.D., Intercoll. University, USA) 1919
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1915
(Stipendiary Curate, Tamworth, Staffs) 1915-9
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1916
(Chaplain, Tamworth Workhouse, Staffs) 1917-9
(Vicar, Forebridge, Staffs) 1919-30
(Vicar, Great Barr, Staffs) 1930-p1936

Stipendiary Curates

►**William Westall c1821-1901** **1869-1873**
b London *son of William Westall A.R.A. landscape-painter and Anne (Sedgwick)*
m 1858 Selina Emma youngest dau of W---- Hawksley of London
d *aged 80* 28 Sep 1901 at 33 Ashburton Road, Southsea
(educated at Sedbergh)
(admitted sizar at Queens', Cambridge) 13 Mar 1843
(matriculated) Michs 1843
(B.A.) 1847
(ordained deacon by Worcester) 1848
(Stipendiary Curate, Leamington Priors, Warwciks) 1848-9
(ordained priest by Hereford) 1849
(M.A.) 1850
(Second Master, Warwick King's School) 1850-5
(Stipendiary Curate, Knightsbridge St Paul) 1855-9
(Rector, Colchester St Leonard) 1861-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Tisbury, Wilts) 1864-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Clewer, Berks) 1866-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Forebridge, Staffs) 1869-73
(Stipendiary Curate, West Drayton, Middx) 1873-83

(Stipendiary Curate, Middleton, Essex) 1883-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Brighton St Stephen) 1888-90
(Stipendiary Curate, Blagdon, Soms) 1891-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Walcot Christ Church, Bath) 1893-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Portsmouth, Hants) 1897-1901
(in retirement of 33 Ashburton Road, Southsea)
chn: Arthur St L. Westall (at Cambridge) 1880
Lancelot McA. Westall (at Cambridge) 1892
Leonard S. Westall (at Cambridge) 1892

►James Heber George 1857-.... **1881-1884**
c 5 Sep 1857 Carlisle *son of James George (Vicar of Pentney, Norfolk) and Harriett (.....)*
(educated at Birmingham King Edward under A. R. Vardy)
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 12 Oct 1876
(matriculated) Michs 1876
(B.A.) 1880
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1881
(Stipendiary Curate, Forebridge, Staffs) 1881-4
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1882
(M.A.) 1883
(Stipendiary Curate, Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs) 1885-1900
(Vicar, Chesterton, Staffs) 1900-27
(Vicar, Butterton, Staffs) 1927-35
(in retirement of Colwyn Bay) 1947

►Thomas Lionel Carpenter 1879-.... **1904-1907**
b cFeb 1879 Norwich RD
(at London University)
(B.A.) 1899
(Assistant Master, Alleyne GS) 1899-1904
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1903
(Stipendiary Curate, Stone Christ Church, Staffs) 1903-4
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1904
(Stipendiary Curate, Forebridge, Staffs) 1904-7
- (of 39 Wolverhampton Road, Stafford) 1906
(M.A., Birmingham University) 1906
(Stipendiary Curate, Ludlow, Salop) 1907-8
(Assistant Master, Ludlow GS) 1907-9
(Chaplain, Ludlow Foxe's Charity, Salop) 1908-10
(Rector, Onibury, Salop) 1910-p1920
(Temporary Chaplain to the Forces) 1918-9
(M.A., Trinity College, Dublin) 1919

►Charles Edward Nutley 1873-1928 **1913-1918**
b 17 Apr 1873 Newbury, Berks *son of Charles Nutley brewer ....-1891 and Ann Elizabeth (Neale)*
d 4 Nov 1928 "Killeagh", Prestbury, Cheltenham
(educated privately)
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 2 Oct 1894 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1894
(B.A.) 1897
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1899
(Stipendiary Curate, Wombourn, Staffs) 1899-1901
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1900
(M.A.) 1901
(Stipendiary Curate, Wrockwardine Wood, Salop) 1901-2
(Stipendiary Curate, Bedminster, Bristol) 1902-5
(Stipendiary Curate, Hurst Hill, Staffs) 1905-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Madeley, Salop) 1908-13
(Stipendiary Curate, Forebridge, Staffs) 1913-8

(Vicar, Ocker Hill, Staffs) 1918-23